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# COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

## Humanities on the Frontier

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Media Director—Randall Teeuwen

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### HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County Antelope

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) 4 miles north of Neligh, Nebr.

Is this the original location? No

Name of building & origin of name West school.  
West family lived across road  
from the school

Name & number of the district No. 5

Date built March 7, 1885 Years in use 93

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Don't know.

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? It was a plain A-roofed

building typical of most rural schools  
of that time.

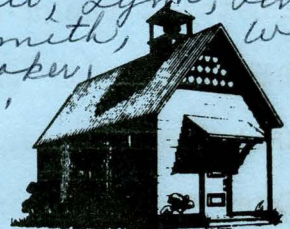
Names of former teachers: 1916-17 thru 1971. Alida Bennett,  
Clara Mc Goff, Jean Scofield, Anna Carstensen, Margaret Sears,  
Verathy Kay, Fae Todd, Effie Kuhor, Mabel Wagner, La Vina  
Haepfinger, Frances Schnabel, Velma Graybiel, Phyllis Wogner,  
Mrs. Theo. Weber, Joyce Carnes, Burdette Rice, Arlene Stelling,  
Jolene Smith, June Hemingway, Doris Henderson, Mary  
Schrader, Shirley Means, Donna Lemme, Mrs. Ole Davis,

Names of former students (family names only): Frady, Todd, Young, Lemm,  
Reynolds, Brittel, West, Freeman, Cummings, Cooper, Charleson,  
Retzloff, Reutzel, Dutcher, Simonsen, Udey, Stonebraker,  
Smith, Wingate, Hopkins, Maw, Curtis, Thiemann,  
Hickman, Klabenes, Hawk, Lewis, Bennett, Lynn, Lindberg,  
Hughes, Petersen, Dredge, Cassell, Hopkins, Smith,  
Frady, Bentley, Taylor, Zwirgman, Taylor, Baker,  
Curtis, Jones, Moser, Werner, Opherny,

Name & address of person in charge of building:

Mr. Carl Schrader  
Neligh, Nebr.

Who is the owner? Mr. Carl Schrader



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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

Architectural Features:

Size of building \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 6

Number of doors (entrances) One

Number of classrooms One

Bell tower or cupola No

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood

Type of roof A- 

Outhouses yes. Later bathrooms added upon remodeling

Playground Equipment Swings, teeter totters, slide

Color of building & trim white boards, later covered brown brick composition siding

Coal shed or stable Both

Teacherage no

Flagpole yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside?

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

Current condition & use: moved & being put back in original condition. The owners wife, Fae Todd Schroder and daughter, Mary Schroder, were both former teachers.

District records available: yes Some no \_\_\_\_\_ where stored Various places

Black & white photo taken: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Old photos available: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor Mrs. Virgil Taylor date March 12, 1981



# Antelope County School Dist #43

The first school to serve the settlers around Royal, Nebraska, was held in a log house one mile north and about one-half mile east of Royal. The teacher was Jonas Houston. The pupils were Will and Ella Bligh, Ed and Jennie Field, Ida, Charles, Will, Ed and John Allen, Will and Ed Dikeman, and the children of Pat Reefer and of Willet Couch.

This log schoolhouse was discarded for a sod house built one mile east and one-half mile north of Royal Nebr. The teachers were Ida Allen Fannon, Albert Wright, Mable Marrow, Lila Garland. Later a frame building took the place of the sod house.

March 1, 1880 Dist #43 Consisted of 12 sections  
April 3, 1886 same was detached  
Nov. 7, 1890 changed by detaching more.  
Feb. 14, 1913 Entire district was attached  
to Dist 113 (new school in Royal,  
nebr.) and

From 1902 + 03 until 1913-13 the same  
officers served on the board.

James Reefer  
Wm Reefer  
Geo. McClain

My father, Clarence Dikeman, was  
attending #43 at the time of the blizzard  
of 1888. A neighbor, Mr. Willet Couch, took  
his children and the Dikeman children  
to the Couch home to spend the time  
until the Dikeman children could get to their  
home.

Mrs. Virgil Taylor 3-15-81